by CPWD as the services have not been taken over by the local bodies. For this purpose CPWD has provided a number of garbage collection points (Dhalao) where the residents are required to dump the garbage. These Dhalaos are cleared by CPWD twice a week or more frequently if so required.

(c) and (d) Green areas/Parks are already identified in the CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar and these have been provided with toe-walls and grills. However, due to acute shortage of water in the area it has not been possible to develop the green areas properly. At present there is no proposal to develop more vacant lands as green area.

Violation of construction norms in High Seismic Zone

1623. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the areas identified in the country which fall within the highly seismic zone;

(b) whether Government formulated norms/conditions for these areas pertaining to construction of residential and commercial buildings;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government noticed any violation of these norms while undertaking construction of new buildings from any of the earthquake prone areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) (a) A Statement is attached (See below)

(b) to (e) Housing is a State subject. As such construction of buildings is governed and regulated by Building Bye-laws/Regulations framed by each States. However, Ministry of Urban Development

and Poverty Alleviation has advised all the States and Union Territories Governments to suitably amend their Building Bye-laws/ Regulations to enforce Indian Standards/Specifications and provisions of National Building Code formulated by the Bureau of Indian Standards and guidelines recommended by the Expert Group set up by the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation. Some of the States/Union Territories like Gujarat, Delhi and Chandigarh have amended their building bye-laws and some other States have initiated action in this regard.

Statement

State-wise Seismic Zonation

States & U.Ts	Seismic Zone
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Zone V
Arunachal Pradesh	Zone V
Assam	Zone V
Bihar	Zone V
Gujarat	Zone II, III, IV, V
Himachal Pradesh	Zone IV & V
Jammu & Kashmir (JK)	Zone IV & V
Manipur	Zone V
Meghalaya	Zone V
Mizoram	Zone V
Nagaland	Zone V
Tripura	Zone V
Uttar Pradesh	Zone II, III, IV & V
West Bengal	Zone II, III, IV & V
Chandigarh	Zone IV
Delhi	Zone IV
Haryana	Zone II, III & IV
Maharashtra	Zone II, III & IV
Punjab	Zone II, III & IV
Rajasthan	Zone IV

States & U.Ts	Seismic Zone
Sikkim	Zone IV
Andhra Pradesh	Zone II & III
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Zone III
Daman & Diu	Zone III
Goa	Zone II & III
Karnataka	Zone II & III
Kerala	Zone II & III
Lakshadweep	Zone III
Madhya Pradesh	Zone II & III
Orissa	Zone II & III
Pondicherry	Zone II & III
Tamil Nadu	Zone II & III

The Maximum Intensity on Modified Mercalli Scale (MSK) indicating the expected degree of damage considered for the Five Zones are:
MSK IX or more in Zone V
MSK VIII in Zone IV
MSK VII in Zone III
MSK VI in Zone II.

Modernisation of all Government of India Presses

1624. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee on Urban and Rural Development has recommended modernisation of all Government of India Presses;

(b) if so, the action taken, so far; and

(c) whether the Budget grant has been fully spent or not during the financial year 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under consideration.

(c) No, Sir.